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SUBJ: FARAKKA: ZIA EXHORTS SELF-RELIANCE; OFFICIALS AWAIT
INDIAN ELECTIONS COMPLETION

REFS: A) DACCA 0414; B) DACCA 0498; C) DACCA 0880

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1. GENERAL ZIA, WHO IS CURRENTLY ON A TOUR OF NORTHWESTERN DISTRICTS, FEB 17, EXHORTED RESIDENTS OF KUSHTIA DISTRICT TO FACE THE "CHALLENGE OF FARAKKA" WITH HARD WORK AND "COURAGE". HE ENDORSED SELF-RELIANCE IN DEVELOPMENTS SCHEMES AND SAID THE ENTIRE COUNTRY WAS BEHIND THOSE WHO HAD BEEN AFFECTED BY THE WITHDRAWALS OF WATER BY INDIA. HE ADDED THAT THE BDG HAD DONE AND WOULD "DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WITHIN THE COUNTRY AND OUTSIDE TO MEET THE CHALLENGE".

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CONTINUING TO PURSUE THE ISSUE IN INTERNATIONAL FORA AND, POSSIBLY, WITH INDIA IN BILATERAL TALKS, HAS BEEN THE STANCE TAKEN BY BDG SINCE THE BREAK DOWN OF LAST PARLEY IN DELHI (SEE REFTTEL A).
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3. IN CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY TABARAK HUSSAIN, FEB 15, AMBASSADOR RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM HIM OF MANY OF POINTS REPORTED IN REFTEL B. HUSSAIN CONFIRMED THAT BDG HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCE FROM JAGJIVAN RAM THAT INDIA WOULD CONTINUE TO RELEASE 31,000 CUSECS DURING CURRENT DRY SEASON.

4. HUSSAIN SAID THAT BDG HOPED DISCUSSIONS WOULD RESUME IN APRIL AFTER INDIAN ELECTIONS, EVEN THOUGH AGREEMENT THEN WOULD BE OF LITTLE HELP IN CURRENT DRY SEASON. HE SAID BDG WOULD RAISE ISSUE AT DELHI MEETING OF NACC AND SAID SEVERAL NAC MEMBERS HAD BEEN HELPFUL DURING UNGA DISCUSSIONS LAST FALL. HUSSAIN ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE

NEW INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER, K.P.S. MENON, HAD "COMPLAINED" ABOUT ITEMS CRITICAL OF INDIA IN THE BANGLADESH PRESS, BUT HAD BEEN ASSURED BY HUSSAIN THAT BDG WOULD KEEP "THE LID ON" DESPITE BANGLADESHI DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE FARAKKA IMPASSE.

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